



**Item #06-1-10**  
**Consent**

**SACOG Board of Directors**

January 12, 2006

**2005/2006 Regional Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration's 5311 Funds**

**Issue:** SACOG, working with the three eligible rural transit operators, has prepared the FY 2005/2006 Regional Program of Projects for 5311 rural transit funding. The program will be submitted to Caltrans upon Board approval.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the SACOG Board of Directors approve the FY 2005/2006 5311 Program of Projects based on transit operator submissions. No Board Committees met in January so this routine annual action item is being brought directly to the SACOG Board of Directors as a staff recommendation.

**Committee Action/Discussion:** The Section 5311 program provides funding for public transportation in non-urbanized areas. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportions funds for non-urbanized areas to the states according to a statutory formula based on each state's population in rural and small urban areas (under 50,000 population). The funds are available to the state for obligation for the year of apportionment plus two additional years.

In California, 65 percent of these funds are apportioned to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the support of non-urbanized public transportation. Twenty percent of the funds are set aside in a state reserve, and 15 percent of the funds are set aside for the support of intercity bus transportation. Funds apportioned to RTPAs must be included in the State Program of Projects submitted by Caltrans to FTA. The State Program contains Programs of Projects adopted by each RTPA.

In the SACOG region, three public transportation providers are currently eligible to apply for Section 5311 funds. Funds are apportioned to these transit providers based on a policy adopted by the SACOG Board of Directors in December 1998. The policy distributes these funds to the providers based on their share of the non-urbanized population denoted in the 2000 Census.

The FY 2005/2006 FTA Section 5311 apportionment for the SACOG region is \$644,366. The Program of Projects will show how Yuba-Sutter Transit, the Yolo County Transportation District, and Sacramento County's South and East County Transit programs will use these funds in their operating and capital budgets. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) complete FTA Section 5311 programs of projects for the respective counties they serve as RTPAs.

After the FY 2005/2006 FTA Section 5311 POP for the SACOG region is approved then the region's RTPA transit operators can apply for the funds to use them for rural transit services.

Approved by:

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Executive Director

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**SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 2006**

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5311 RURAL  
TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation requires that SACOG complete a Program of Projects allocating funds for FTA Section 5311 for fiscal year 2005/2006 in the amount of \$598,861, with \$45,505 to be carried over and programmed for capital assistance in FY 2007 for Yuba-Sutter Transit (Sutter & Yuba counties) making the total amount of funds available \$644,366.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council hereby approves the SACOG Federal Transit Administration 5311 Program of Projects for FY 2005/2006.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SACOG FTA 5311 Program of Projects for FY 2005/2006 be submitted to the California Department of Transportation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Ted Gaines  
Chair

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Mike McKeever  
Executive Director

**SACOG Region  
FTA 5311 Funds FY2005-2006**

County	Operator	Apportionment	Non-Urbanized Population
Sacramento	South & East County Transit	\$143,712	32430
Sutter	Yuba-Sutter Transit	\$81,074	18295
Yolo	Yolo County Transit District	\$316,730	71473
Yuba	Yuba-Sutter Transit	\$102,850	23209
	<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$644,366</b>	<b>145407</b>